



# Curriculum Information for Parents

## Spring Term 1 – Once Upon a Time

### Reception

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| <p><b>Communication, Language and Literacy</b></p> <p>During our literacy sessions we will encourage your child to develop their language skills through our 'Terrific Tales' topic, focusing on a range of traditional stories. All children enjoy pretending to be different characters. Allowing the children to experiment with our role play/dress up will help them to develop their language skills with their peers. We will continue to work on our phonics skills and use what we have learnt, to focus on reading and writing using our knowledge of letter sounds and our harder to read and spell words. The children are now ready to move forward and write a range of simple sentences independently. We will also encourage finger spaces, full stops and correct letter formation when doing this.</p> | <p><b>Numeracy</b></p> <p>During our Numeracy sessions we will be looking deeper into the meaning of smaller numbers. Learning to subitise and recognise amounts without counting 1:1. The children will learn to quickly look at a group of objects and recognise how many there are. We will use five and ten frames to help with this skill also. We will also look at the compositions of these numbers and the different ways that they can be made. 1 and 2 and 2 makes 5. 1 and 1 and 3 makes 5. We will continue to compare a range of numbers looking at the difference in their quantities, using more than and less than. The children will also be introduced to weight and capacity this half term, using the correct mathematical vocabulary while doing so.</p> |
| <p><b>Understanding the World</b></p> <p>We will use a range of programs during ICT to help support our development in all areas of learning through our Terrific Tales topic. We will use the Bee Bots and remote-control cars to help with programming and directional language. We will look at planting seeds when reading the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' story and talk about the things that they need to help them grow. We will also compare characters from a range of traditional tales and draw simple maps using the information from a story. We will also talk about the season 'Winter' and compare how it is different to 'Autumn'.</p>  | <p><b>Expressive Art and Design</b></p> <p>The children will be encouraged to use the skills that they have learnt so far, to use a range of media to design and create several fairy tale characters and props within each story. They will also be encouraged to represent their own ideas, thoughts, and feelings through the use of art, music, dance, role play and stories. The children will also be encouraged to be creative with their role play skills and to develop their story skills, while acting out a range of scenes from their favourite stories.</p>  |
| <p><b>Physical Development</b></p> <p>We will continue to work on letter formation, as we work through our phonics scheme and during our literacy sessions. This is very important, as the children are building up to writing words and simple sentences. This half term we will be focusing on our dance skills, during PE sessions on Wednesday afternoons. We will continue to work on a range of Gross Motor skills, during our continuous outdoor learning.</p>  | <p><b>Personal, Social and Emotional</b></p> <p>This half term the children will be encouraged to select and use a range of activities that they would not usually choose. This will help to improve skills in many different areas, those that they are not as confident with. We will also be working on building confidence in small groups. The children will be encouraged to speak about their wants, needs and interests in small groups during busy learning time. We will also focus on our class always rules and talk about why we have them and why they are important.</p>  |
| <p><b>Topic – Stories – Once Upon a Time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>**Goldilocks and the Three Bears</li> <li>**The Three Little Pigs</li> <li>**The Gingerbread Man</li> <li>**Jack and the Beanstalk</li> <li>**Little Red Riding Hood</li> <li>**Elmer in the Snow - <b>Winter</b></li> </ul>   | <p><b>Religious Education</b></p> <p><b>Our Christian value this half term is Compassion.</b></p> <p>At St. Thomas' we come together three times a week for collective worship, where we will focus on the value of Compassion. We will carry out discrete RE lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday in our classrooms, sometimes coming together with Year One to do this.</p>   |

### Home Learning and Other Relevant Information

- \*\*Remember to be in the line for 10 to 9!
- \*\*Reading Books: These will be changed once a week.
- \*\*Reading at Home: It is very important that your child reads at least four times a week to support their learning in school — please write in the planner when your child has read at home, they will be rewarded for each read.
- \*\*PE Day: Wednesday and outdoor provision – the children are to come to school in their PE kits every Wednesday.
- \*\*Homework Grid: Completed weekly and signed for Fridays.